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## trivia game organizer guide



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## **You're Never Too Old To Play...Trivia!**

The Older Americans Month team-trivia competition is a great way to bring together older adults and their younger friends and neighbors for a couple of hours of fun and discovery.

Players will exercise their minds in this 90-minute competition, where groups of four to six people get together to answer trivia questions about culture, major events, and sports. Whether they know which team won five World Series in the 1930s (the New York Yankees) or which 1997 movie tied the record for most Oscars in a single year (Titanic), teams will take a journey across the decades to see who has the most knowledge of the obscure, the interesting, and the downright random.



## Bridge the Generations: Host a Team-Trivia Competition

This year, the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) is promoting Older Americans Month in May with the theme: *Never Too Old to Play!* We're putting a spotlight on just how fun and lively older adults can be, and coordinating events for members of the National Aging Network, local partner organizations, community groups, and even families that feature entertaining ways to strengthen community and celebrate older Americans. A rousing intergenerational team-trivia competition more than fits the bill.

In the spirit of celebrating the lifelong importance of play, we encourage local event organizers to invite participants of all ages who can represent a range of life experiences and share their distinct knowledge and perspectives in an intergenerational team-trivia game. National Aging Network groups can partner with other local groups such as YMCAs, Boys & Girls Clubs, high school community service groups, faith-based organizations—and really anyone who likes trivia games!—to bring together a diverse mix of players.

How does it work? People of all ages will gather at a convenient location (community center, places of worship, etc.) and form teams of four to six players. Then a master of ceremonies will read aloud trivia questions spanning a variety of topics and decades. Teams will discuss their answers

and put them down on a score sheet. After three rounds and a final, bonus round, the team with the most points will be named the winner. Questions will be varied so everyone on the team will be able to contribute answers and—more important—have fun.

## Look No Further for Everything You Need

AoA has created tools and materials to help you invite participants, form teams, and run your team-trivia competition. They're easy to access and use and can be scaled to groups of any size. You can download game materials—including question cards and a PowerPoint presentation—from [OlderAmericansMonth.AoA.gov](http://OlderAmericansMonth.AoA.gov). There are enough questions for two team-trivia events in May.

### Event Promotion

To access event promotion materials register your group at [OlderAmericansMonth.AoA.gov](http://OlderAmericansMonth.AoA.gov).

After registering, you can download promotional items such as:

- Fliers you can post around your community and distribute to partners
- Sample text you can insert in any newsletters that you and your partners distribute
- A sample letter to invite other community organizations to participate in your trivia nights
- A registration form to keep track of how many people will be participating

Ask participants to register for your event by calling or emailing your organization. This will help you determine the quantities of supplies you'll need and also collect contact information for sending out reminders in the days leading up to the event.

Encourage attendees to think about forming intergenerational teams of four to six people before they come to help the process go more smoothly on the night of the event. *Teams should include at least one player over the age of 60 and one player under the age of 60 if possible.* If they don't have mixed age groups, suggest that they form teams of two or three people to be paired up with another small group of mixed ages at the event.

### Event Set-up

1. You'll want to have these materials ready prior to the game:

- Printed scorecards
- Golf pencils and paper
- Certificates for winning teams (available at [OlderAmericansMonth.AoA.gov](http://OlderAmericansMonth.AoA.gov))
- Sound and projection systems (if available and needed)
- Tables and chairs

Keep track of the number of participants you have registered so you have enough supplies and seating.

2. Provide each team with its own table where members can huddle to discuss answers. Place paper and golf pencils, scorecards, and a copy of the game rules (see How to Play) on the table for teams to write their answers.
3. Print out enough scorecards so that each team can fill one out. Run off some extras to be safe!
4. Make sure you have your questions and answer sheet ready so you can read the questions to participants. If your center will have a projector, download the PowerPoint with the questions so attendees can read the questions as you read them aloud.
5. Before the event, be sure to test your audio-visual systems. If you have a computer and projector, make sure they work with the materials downloaded from [OlderAmericansMonth.AoA.gov](http://OlderAmericansMonth.AoA.gov).

### Game Day Facilitation

1. If you are using a PowerPoint slide show, please review the slides before the event so you understand the sequence. The slides are in order so they can be run without having to go backwards, so be sure to know how they work!
2. As guests arrive, if they're on a team direct them to take a seat at a table together. For attendees arriving without a team, encourage them to sit down at any table so there are no more than six participants at one table. *All teams should include at least one player age 60 or older and one player younger than age 60.* Encourage teams to come up with a fun name and write it down on their scorecard.

3. Play some music from across the decades to help get participants excited and engaged. It isn't a good idea to play music when you're reading questions, but before the event starts or between rounds will be great times to play some tunes.
4. When the event begins, be sure to read aloud the rules and procedure information provided by AoA. Emphasize that teams may not use cell phones, computers, or any other devices to get answers. Answers come from the teams playing!
5. Ask if there are questions, and once they all have been addressed, you can get started!
6. Read the questions for the first round, and project the questions using the PowerPoint show if you have an AV system set up. Read each question slowly and more than once so all players can hear.
7. Pause for a minute between questions so teams can confer. After you read all of the questions for the round, quickly read through them again so team members can make sure they heard correctly.
8. After the questions are read, an event organizer should walk to each table to pick up the scorecards and bring them back to the front of the room. Check the scorecards against the answer key and tally up each team's score.
9. Once all of the scorecards are tallied, the emcee should read aloud the answers from the previous round, in order, and then announce how many points each team has in ascending order (last place to first place).
10. Hand out fresh scorecards for the next round and return the scorecards from the previous round so the teams can keep track of their overall points.
11. For rounds two and three repeat the steps six to eight above.
12. For the bonus round, explain that there are two questions and teams can wager either 10 or 15 points for each question. If a team is correct, it will earn those points but if it is wrong, it will lose the points. Read the questions and give the teams three minutes to answer/make their bids.
13. Collect the teams' scorecards one final time and tally the answers. Announce the scores and congratulate your winners! You just led a super fun trivia night!
14. Distribute certificates to your top teams.

## How to Play *(Rules for Participants)*

1. Form a group of four to six team members including at least one person age 60 or older and one person younger than age 60 if possible.
2. Create a fun, unique name to identify your team.
3. Get a scorecard from the person leading your trivia game and record your answers to questions from the event emcee. Questions will be read aloud and (where possible) will be projected as a PowerPoint.
4. No cheating! That means no cell phones, laptops, newspapers, or anything that might provide an unfair advantage for your team.
5. There will be three rounds, with eight questions (one for each decade from the 1930s to the 2000s) and one bonus question per round.
6. At the end of each round, you'll be asked to turn in your answer sheet so event organizers can tally the scores and give you an update on each team's total number of points.
7. After the three main rounds, there will be a final round with two questions. These questions can be about any topic, from any decade. Teams can wager either 10 points or 15 points per question. If a team is right, it will earn that many points but if it's incorrect, it will lose the points.
8. After the game concludes, the top teams will be announced and will receive certificates recognizing their achievement!



# **Trivia Question Set #1**



## Round 1: Events

Decade	Question	Answer
1930s	This Democratic presidential candidate from Louisiana was assassinated in 1935 by a political opponent's son-in-law.	Huey Long
1940s	In 1944, which act funded high school, vocational training, or college for returning World War II vets, as well as one year of unemployment compensation and loans to buy homes and start businesses?	The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 or the G.I. Bill
1950s	Which airline offered the first domestic jet service using its own aircraft in 1959, with a flight from New York to Los Angeles?	American Airlines
1960s	A bank in London first installed one of these machines in 1967, making banking more convenient than it had ever been.	ATM or Automatic Teller Machine
1970s	Who organized and directed the Watergate burglaries of the Democratic National Committee headquarters in May and June of 1972?	G. Gordon Liddy
1980s	What was the name of the Concord, New Hampshire teacher who died in the 1986 Challenger space shuttle tragedy?	Christa McAuliffe
1990s	Who served as commander of the Coalition forces in the Gulf War of 1991?	General Norman Schwarzkopf
2000s	Which event of the 2000s ranks as the costliest natural disaster in the history of the United States?	Hurricane Katrina
<b>Bonus</b>	What is the name of the silent, color motion picture sequence that captured President Kennedy's assassination in 1963?	The Zapruder film

## Round 2: Culture

Decade	Question	Answer
1930s	What Pulitzer-Prize winning book was written about Depression-era migrant workers who traveled from farm to farm to pick crops?	The Grapes of Wrath
1940s	This 1941 film is based in part on newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst and is considered by many to be the greatest film of all time.	Citizen Kane
1950s	What was Elvis Presley's first No. 1 hit single (released in 1956)?	Heartbreak Hotel
1960s	It's now television's longest running science fiction series but it premiered in the UK in 1963.	Doctor Who
1970s	This movie soundtrack from 1977 was the best-selling album of all time until Michael Jackson's <i>Thriller</i> dethroned it in 1983.	Saturday Night Fever
1980s	This trio of rappers from New York City had the first rap album to ever reach No. 1 on the Billboard charts when 1986's <i>Licensed to Ill</i> reached the top.	The Beastie Boys
1990s	What was the name of the coffee shop that often served as a backdrop in the hit sitcom "Friends"?	Central Perk
2000s	What was the highest grossing film of the 2000s?	Avatar
<b>Bonus</b>	Which film style, known for combining crime dramas with dark, stylized imagery, emerged in the 1940s?	Film Noir

## Round 3: Sports

Decade	Question	Answer
1930s	Which female tennis player won five singles titles at Wimbledon?	Helen Wills Moody
1940s	This Charlotte-based professional racing league was founded in 1947 by Bill France Sr.	NASCAR
1950s	Which player—who won his first major championship at the 1958 Masters Tournament—is credited with helping to establish golf as a compelling television event?	Arnold Palmer
1960s	The National Basketball Association faced a threat for its teams and talent when this new league formed in 1967.	The ABA or American Basketball Association
1970s	What was the promotional name of the classic 1974 boxing match between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman?	The Rumble in the Jungle
1980s	The United States hockey team shocked the world when it beat the Soviet Union in the 1980 Winter Olympics to go to the gold medal game. Who did the U.S. beat to win the gold medal?	Finland
1990s	The Chicago Bulls won back-to-back-to-back NBA championships from 1991-1993 and again from 1996-1998. What team won the championship during the two-year gap when the Bulls didn't win in 1994 and 1995? (Clarification: It's the same team)	The Houston Rockets
2000s	During the 2000s, American Lance Armstrong won six straight Tours de France. Only one other country had competitors win the Tour. What country won the other Tours de France?	Spain
<b>Bonus</b>	In 1962, the Minnesota Twins became baseball's newest team when what franchise relocated to the Twin Cities?	The Washington Senators

## Bonus Round

### Bonus Question #1

The New York Times published the Pentagon Papers, a secret history of the Vietnam War in 1971. The report was leaked by a military analyst. What was his name?

### Answer

Daniel Ellsberg

### Bonus Question #2

Network television began broadcasting in the late 1940s. Put the four major networks (ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX) in order from the first to last to launch.

### Answer

NBC, CBS, ABC, FOX

# **Trivia Question Set #2**



## Round 1: Events

Decade	Question	Answer
1930s	FDR's New Deal was full of programs known by their acronyms. FDR created the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission), the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the WPA (Works Progress Administration) as part of these major reforms. He also created the FDIC. What does the FDIC stand for?	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
1940s	The United Nations has its headquarters in New York now, but it was founded in this city in 1945.	San Francisco
1950s	Rosa Parks became famous when she refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus in this Alabama city in 1955.	Montgomery
1960s	An estimated 500 million people worldwide watched this live event on July 21, 1969. At the time, it was the largest television audience for any event in history.	The lunar landing (or Apollo 11 mission)
1970s	Nuclear power gave Americans quite a scare when this plant experienced a meltdown in 1979.	Three Mile Island
1980s	Apple Computers released the Macintosh in 1984—the computer credited as the launch pad for the company's success. They released another desktop computer in 1983 that was widely considered a flop. What was its name?	Lisa
1990s	In 1996, a sheep in Scotland was cloned. It was the first time an animal had been cloned. What was the sheep's name?	Dolly
2000s	The International Space Station replaced the Russian space station that held a crew continuously from 1986-1996. It reentered Earth's atmosphere and broke up over the South Pacific on March 23, 2001. What was the old space station's name?	Mir
<b>Bonus</b>	Since Franklin Roosevelt became president in 1933, there have been 13 presidents, including FDR. How many vice presidents have there been?	Sixteen

## Round 2: Culture

Decade	Question	Answer
1930s	Disney released this movie in 1937; it was the first full-length animated film in history.	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
1940s	It would be more than 15 years until the Beatles appeared as guests but this TV show first aired in 1948.	The Ed Sullivan Show
1950s	They say the music died when these three musicians' plane crashed in February 1959. (Must get all three right)	Ritchie Valens, Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper.
1960s	This musician shocked the world and angered many fans when he played an electric set of music at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival.	Bob Dylan
1970s	This multi part TV series about slave Kunta Kinte and his descendants ran on eight consecutive nights in 1977.	Roots
1980s	MTV launched in 1980 with the words "Ladies and gentlemen, rock and roll." What was the first music video played on the channel?	Video Killed the Radio Star
1990s	The first installment of the Harry Potter book series, <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> , was released in the U.S. in 1998. However, it was originally released in the U.K. more than a year earlier under a different name. What is the book called in the U.K.?	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
2000s	Rapper Eminem might be more sour at times than sweet, but he was named as the best-selling artist of the 2000s. What is his birth name?	Marshall Mathers
<b>Bonus</b>	This artist is the youngest person to ever have a No. 1 single when he hit the top of the charts in 1963.	Stevie Wonder

## Round 3: Sports

Decade	Question	Answer
1930s	This city hosted the 1936 Olympics where Jesse Owens won four gold medals despite pressure for him not to compete.	Berlin
1940s	Sports would change forever in 1947 when Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier while playing for this team.	The Brooklyn Dodgers
1950s	This soccer legend was the youngest player to ever play in a World Cup final when he scored two goals in the 1958 championship.	Pele
1960s	The first Super Bowl was played in January 1967. Who are the two teams that played? (Teams must get both correct to get points)	Green Bay Packers & Kansas City Chiefs
1970s	This female tennis star beat Bobby Riggs in straight sets and in front of a television audience of 50 million people during the 1973 Battle of the Sexes.	Billie Jean King
1980s	This hockey team won four straight Stanley Cup finals from 1980 to 1984.	The N.Y. Islanders
1990s	This event was added as a women's sport in the 1998 Winter Olympics after years of having only men compete.	Ice hockey
2000s	This racquet-wielding phenomenon won five straight U.S. Opens from 2004 - 2008.	Roger Federer
<b>Bonus</b>	During in the 1996 World Series, a 12-year-old caught a fly ball that Derek Jeter hit as it was going over the wall and prevented the fielder from making the grab that would have been an out. What was the 12-year-old's name?	Jeffrey Maier

## Bonus Round

### Bonus Question #1

Only once in the 20th century did a person become president without being elected through the electoral college. Who was it?

### Answer

Gerald Ford

### Bonus Question #2

Three films have tied for most Academy Awards wins with 11. What are the three movies?

### Answer

Ben Hur, Titanic & Lord of the Rings: Return of the King. (If team doesn't get specific Lord of the Rings title correct, they can still win)

# Scorecard





# Team Trivia Scorecard

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Round 1: Events

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2000s (1 pt)	<input type="checkbox"/> correct	<input type="checkbox"/> wrong
Bonus (5 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/> correct	<input type="checkbox"/> wrong

**Total Points**

## Round 2: Culture

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**Points this Round**

**Total Points**

## Round 3: Sports

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Bonus (5 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/> correct	<input type="checkbox"/> wrong

**Points this Round**

**Total Points**

Bonus Round: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: 10 pts 15 pts

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: 10 pts 15 pts

**FINAL SCORE:**

## RULES

1. No cell phones, laptops, newspapers, or anything that might provide an unfair advantage for your team.
2. After each question, quietly confer with your team and write down your answer. Questions will be reread at the end of the round.
3. After each round, bring your scorecard to the organizers for them to score. They will call you back up to gather your answers.
4. For the bonus round, you can choose if a question is worth 10 points or 15 points. If you are correct, your team will earn that many points. If you're wrong, your team will lose those points.
5. Have fun!

# Tally Card



# Certificate

# Congratulations!

Participant Name

**You're a certified Older Americans Month 2012 All-Star!**

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